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FOR KEVIN CARROLL, IO/EX

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SUBJECT: PROSPECTIVE D-2 LEVEL VACANCY IN GATT/UNCTAD INTER-
NATIONAL TRADE CENTER

REF: (A) STATE 274094

(B) CARROLL/KLEIN TELCON 1/23/75

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, US NATIONAL HERBERT JACOBSEN CURRENTLY "CO-DIRECTOR" OF ITC AT D-2 LEVEL WILL REACH MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE OF 60 YEARS ON APRIL 7, 1975. JACOBSEN HAS RECEIVED ONE-YEAR EXTENSION (UNTIL APRIL 7, 1976) BUT WILL BE GIVEN NEW LESSER TITL DURING HIS FINAL YEAR. CURRENT PLANS CALL FOR CONVERTING "CO-DIRECTOR" SLOT INTO DEPUTY DIRECTOR POSITION FOLLOWING JACOBSEN'S DEPARTURE IN APRIL 1976.

2. ITC DIRECTOR SANTIAPILLAI HAS BEEN IN CONTACT (REF B) WITH US NATIONAL LEONCE BLOCH, CURRENTLY D-1 LEVEL DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF UNDP GENEVA OFFICE, ABOUT LATTER'S ASSUMING ITC DEPUTY DIRECTOR POSITION AFTER JACOBSEN DEPARTURE. SANITAPILLAI TOLD MSSOFF FEBRUARY 4 THAT HE FAVORBLY INCLINED TOWARD BLOCH ON BASIS BRIEF INITIAL IMPRESSIONS AND PLACES PARTICULARLY HIGH VALUE ON FACT BLOCH HAS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERICE IN UNDP, WHICH SANIAPILLAI FEELS WOULD BE MAJOR ASSET TO ITC.

3. SANTIPILLAI IS AWARE USG CANVASSING FIELD FOR SUIT-
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ABLE CANDIDATES FOR THIS POSITION AND PLANS SUBMIT NAMES

OF SUCH CANDIDATES FOR CONSIDERATION. HE REQUESTS THAT SUCH NAMES BE FURNISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN VIEW OF FACT THAT BLOCH BEING ACTIVLY CONSIDERED BY UNDP FOR ASSIGNMENT TO TUNISIA AS RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE. HE DOES NOT WANT TO LOSE POSSIBILITY OF BLOCH APPOINTMENT UNLESS HE HAS CLEAR INDICATION THAT SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATE IS AVAILABLE. IN THIS CONNECTION HE REITERATED IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO CANDIDATES HAVING STRONG UNDP BACKGROUND.

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